GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NORMS FOR PLYING OF SCHOOL BUSES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the students in Delhi risk their lives while travelling to schools in overcrowded maruti vans and buses fitted with unsafe and illegal/spurious/ sub-standard LPG and CNG kits everyday;

(b) If so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure implementation of standards/ norms fixed for plying of school buses/vans etc. in Delhi separately;

(c) Whether the Government has any proposal to paint yellow colour on maruti vans ferrying school children for their safety;

(d) If so, the details; thereof;

(e) The details of school buses, RTVs, maruti vans etc. involved in accidents during each of the last three years in Delhi.

(f) The total number of students injured/killed in those accidents during each of the last three years; school-wise separately; and

(g) The action taken by the Government against the drivers of school buses alongwith the steps taken to stop such accidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) : It is true that some private vehicles, including Maruti vans and buses are being used for transporting school children in Delhi.

(b) : Delhi Traffic Police/Transport Department of the Government of NCT of Delhi carry out periodical checking of school vehicles to ensure that they follow the norms laid down by the Hon`ble Supreme Court. Vehicles found to be violating the norms are prosecuted and legal action is taken against the defaulters.

(c) & (d): A proposal to regulate passenger motor vehicles, which are presently unauthorizedly plying for hire/reward, ferrying school children, including by assignment of colour, is under consideration.

(e) & (f): Details of cases of road accidents reported/registered in Delhi involving school buses, RTVs, Maruti vans etc. and the number of students injured/killed in such accidents (school-wise) during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 (upto 31st October) are given in the Annexure.

(g): The action taken against erring drivers and to regulate operation of such vehicles include prosecution of such drivers by Delhi Traffic Police, cancellation/suspension of their driving licenses, cancellation/suspension of registration certificates/permits of vehicles involved in accidents by the State Transport Authority, sensitizing school authorities about safety and security of students and not to engage vehicles fitted with unauthorized gas kits.